GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sacked 111 lawyers from the standing counsel of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) prior to completion of their tenure period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Board vide order dated 18.06.2016 read with Note dated 22.06.2016 annulled the appointment of 111 Senior/Junior Standing Counsels from the panel of Counsels appointed vide order dated 9.06.2016 for a period of three years.

(b) The details are available on CBEC website www.cbec.gov.in. The annulment was done in line with the guidelines, where the normal tenure is only for a period of three years from the date of appointment and these Counsels had been on CBEC panel since 15.10.2011.